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"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2

# Record 344 Students Graduate

A record 344 students graduated in an outdoor commencement ceremony held Saturday, May 7, on the front lawn of the campus.

The 344 graduates were the largest-ever group to graduate in the 48-year history of the University. They represented 29 different degree programs, ranging from aviation technology and business management to welding engineering. The graduates came from over 80 communities in Texas, 32 other states and five foreign nations.

Graduates included those completing study programs in Longview, Tyler and LeTourneau's educational center in Dallas.

Approximately 2500 family



members and guests were in attendance, including a number of parents who traveled to Longview from overseas, according to Gerrie Forbis, administrative assistant in the office of academic affairs.

Ravi Zacharias, Th.M., president of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, brought the commencement address.



Also participating in the commencement program were Dr. Alvin Austin, president, Paul Gliske, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a number of faculty and staff.

Special music was provided by the LeTourneau University Singers, directed by Patricia Carnack.



**Ravi Zacharias**  
Challenges  
Graduates to  
"Keep God  
in the  
Paradigm"

Graduates, guests and LeTourneau staff members heard an eloquent challenge to godliness from Ravi Zacharias, Th.M., president of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, during commencement ceremonies.

"All the education in the world can't help a godless society. The more educated we get and the more sophisticated we get, the more we are exterminating our fellow human beings," said Zacharias. He went on to note that "the rate of human slaughter has kept pace with the increase in knowledge since the 17th century." The answer, Zacharias noted, is not more knowledge, but more godliness. "It makes a world of difference, doesn't it, if God is or is not present in the paradigm."

Zacharias is an internationally known Christian leader, speaker and author who has spoken in over 50 countries and at universities such as Harvard, Princeton and Bangkok's Ramkhamhaeng, the largest university in the world. He is listed as a distinguished lecturer with the Staley Foundation. He is the author of the book, "A Shattered Visage: the Real Face of Atheism", and was professor of evangelism and contemporary thought at Alliance Theological Seminary.

Zacharias holds degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Cambridge University. He has also been honored with several honorary doctorates. Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, which he founded, has headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, with additional offices in Toronto, Canada and India.

This was Zacharias' first visit to the University, but he has a family tie to LeTourneau. He is the brother-in-law of honors graduate Barbara Moore of Longview. Barbara is the wife of chief flight instructor Gordon Moore.

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# Other Ways to Support LeTourneau University

## President's Message

As a college president, I am called on to be an educator, manager, public spokesperson, spiritual leader, and most challenging of all, a fund raiser. One of my primary tasks is to seek ongoing funding for our educational and spiritual efforts. These needs are real. We must have financial support from friends and alumni to cover the costs of running the University. These are costs that cannot all be paid by students and their families.

But I never apologize for asking for your support. We are doing God's work by educating, training and preparing students for lives of leadership and service to a needy world. I believe in what we are doing. It's worthy of your investment.

Some people may not give because they don't think their gift will make any difference. This is never the case! You would be surprised at the importance of small and regular giving. If one-half of the 20,000 alumni, parents and friends who are on our mailing list would send just \$10 a month to LeTourneau, this would almost double our annual fund program to \$1.5 million per year. What a tremendous blessing that would be.

We welcome gifts of any size. We encourage you to make us a part of your regular giving.

Besides cash donations, there are other ways to support LeTourneau University. In recent weeks, both a corporation and a family have each given an airplane for our aviation technology program. A Longview company just gave a computer controlled



Senior aviation students Shawn Murphy of Crane, Texas, and David Tyler of Bakersfield, Calif., look over a Merlin IIB multiengine turboprop aircraft recently donated to the University by Mrs. Bertha Hensley and the Hensley Corporation, Dallas, Texas.



John Solheim, right, hands over the keys to LeTourneau University president Dr. Alvin Austin for a Cessna 175 aircraft. The Cessna was a donation from the Karsten Manufacturing Corporation and the Solheim family, Phoenix, Ariz. The plane will be used for in-service training of flight instructors and other staff pilots.



Terre Richardson, second from left, stands in front of a CNC Mitsubishi turning center, which Richardson's Longview company, Rich's Machinery Co., Inc., donated to LeTourneau. Pictured with him are (from left to right), Dr. Alvin Austin, Dale Hill, alumnus and a member of the University's Board of Trustees, and Dr. John Busch, chairman of the division of engineering technology. The turning center is a computer-controlled metal lathe and will be used in the machine tool laboratory.

milling machine for our mechanical engineering lab. Welding alumni diligently obtain welding equipment and supplies for our welding engineering program. The library regularly receives donations of books. A few years ago, a board member called me to say that he had a two-year-old custom van if could we use it. It was a perfect match for faculty and small student group travel. (By the way, that van now has 150,000 miles on it and needs to be replaced.)

You may have equipment, supplies or vehicles at home, on your farm, or at your office that would be beneficial to the University. Equipment, once fully depreciated, may not have much dollar value, but could be useful to us. Right now our needs include: recent model passenger cars or vans, pickup trucks for our maintenance team, a tractor/backhoe/front loader, high pressure gas cylinders, fume exhaust equipment, oscilloscopes, electrical component analysis equipment, fiber optics experimental equipment, and equipment for most engineering, technology or science labs. These items would be put to a use related to our educational mission, making them fully deductible at fair market value for most taxpayers. (But please don't be offended if you offer something that we can't use. For example, used and outdated computer equipment is rarely usable. The cost of upgrading it or the maintenance contracts on it typically will outweigh the cost of more recent equipment.)

You may have real estate or securities you've owned for at least a year and a day that could be sold by the University. We have been given homes, farms, mutual funds and vacation property with resale value. Gifts of this type offer special tax advantages.

If you need the use of your asset at this time but want to assure that some or all of it benefits the University and/or other worthy causes at a future time, various options are available through LeTourneau's gift annuity and trust program. These assure you or a loved one a current income while guaranteeing the assets will support worthy projects in the future.

Life insurance policies can be a significant gift for the future. Likewise, a provision to include us in your will can become a gift of a lifetime when your estate is distributed in the future. These are ways to make certain the next generations of students will be able to benefit from a LeTourneau education.

We need your support if we are to continue to provide quality, Christ-centered higher education. I thank you for considering how you, your company or someone you know might become support partners in our work and ministry. If you have questions about how or what you might give to LeTourneau, call me, Jim Hughey or John Martin in our University Advancement Office.

No discussion of our needs would be complete without asking you to be praying for LeTourneau, its faculty, staff and students. I guarantee your prayers will have eternal value, both for you and for all of us here at LeTourneau.

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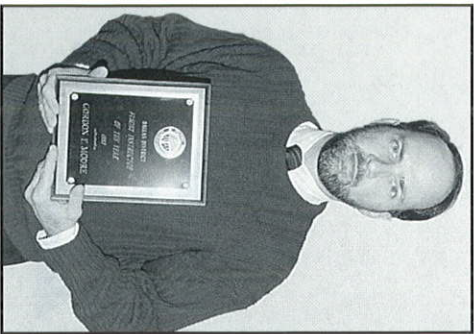
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Gordon Moore

## “Moore” power

*It's been a big year for Chief Flight Instructor Gordon Moore and his wife, Barbara, a biblical studies major. Gordon was named FAA Dallas District "Flight Instructor of the Year." Barbara graduated summa cum laude and was the 1994 recipient of the "American Bible Society Award."*

## Outstanding

Outstanding students were honored for their achievements in a special awards chapel held in April. Among those honored were:

Candice Beathan, Evelyn LeTourneau Outstanding Senior Woman  
Eric Carpenter, Outstanding Engineering Technology Student  
Heidi Dekoster, Resident Assistant of the Year

Richard Gardner, Nadine Corporation Scholarship Award  
Christopher Lanier, Outstanding Junior Engineering Student

Nathan Lee, Aviation Maintenance Technology Program Scholarship  
Jessica Lovell, Ninety-Nine Award to Female Flight Student

David Mills, R. G. LeTourneau Award for Outstanding Graduating Engineering Student and Student Affairs Service Award  
Barbara Moore, American Bible Society Award

James Prater, Flight Student of the Year  
Ronald Revell, Outstanding Business Administration Student  
Megan Reynolds, Currie Scholarship (top female mathematics major)

Jon Rupert, Nadine Corporation Scholarship Award  
Amy Shane, Outstanding Associate of Science Technology Student

Also honored were these inductees into the Engineering Honor Society: Edward Gordon, Peter Jacobsen, David Mills, Gregg Meentemeyer, Joel Smith, Randall Ritzena, Luke Holtry, Slade Rinchart, Andrew Stell, Christopher Lanier, Li Huang, Peter Pletcher and Bobby Milhauser.

## OUTSTANDING II

Twelve LeTourneau University adult students have been inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL) national honor society. ASL recognizes academic accomplishments and leadership activities of adult learners. Induction into the society is one the most prestigious honors an adult learner can achieve.

Students honored were: Leonard V. Bates, Buddy Ray Burr, Patrice P. Christian, Elizabeth Larue Demoss, Madelyn Annette Dennis, Edward Charles Dombek, Mary Frances Henderson, Eddie Earl Madsen, James Thomas Precece, Kenneth Atwood Secman, Roy Len Tidwell and Christine G. Walker.

## What's Up Doc?

“Medical Camp” is just one of more than two dozen academic and athletic camps being offered this June and July on the LeTourneau campus. The camps cover a wide variety of topics, including law, computers, medicine and athletic endeavors which range from baseball to whitewater canoeing. For more information about next year's camps, contact Paula Beach, Director of Special Programs at (903) 753-0231, ext. 435.



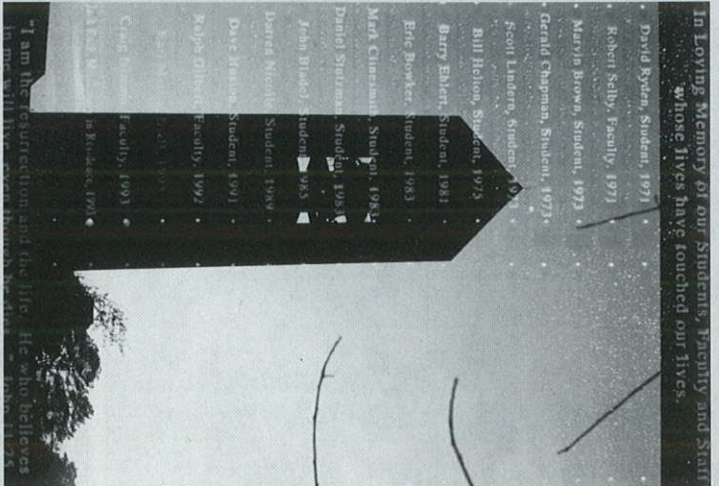
*John Walter demonstrates how to walk on water using a flotation system which he, Todd Pitney and Caroline Soliman designed for an assignment in Dr. John Busch's Intro to Engineering Design course. More than 20 teams of students designed, built and demonstrated various devices using inflatable air mattresses which, at least theoretically, will enable a person to walk across the campus pond.*

## Photo Contest A

## Snap



Best Landscape Photo by Vincent Vermeulen



In Loving Memory of our Students, Faculty and Staff whose lives have touched our lives.

David Ryden, Student, 1971  
Robert Seely, Faculty, 1971  
Marvin Brown, Student, 1973  
Gerald Chapman, Student, 1973  
Scott Lindero, Student, 1973  
Bill Helton, Student, 1973  
Barry Ehlert, Student, 1981  
Eric Bowker, Student, 1983  
Mark Chennault, Student, 1985  
Daniel Stulman, Student, 1985  
John Giesel, Student, 1985  
Barbara Wood, Student, 1989  
Dave Hanson, Student, 1991  
Robert Oliver, Faculty, 1992  
Barry Wood, Student, 1993  
Craig Quinn, Faculty, 1993  
John R. M., Student, 1993  
John R. M., Student, 1993

Best of Show/Best Artistic Photo by Delinda Hall

Area photographers participated in the second annual LeTourneau University Photo Contest, co-sponsored by the offices of Admissions and University Relations. The “Best of Show” prize was awarded to staff member Delinda Hall, who also won first place in the “Artistic” division. The contest is open to students, staff, alumni and members of the community.



Best Candid Photo by Geoff Hall



# MAY '04



# GRADUATES

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# Heritage Week

A Legacy of Faith

"A Legacy of Faith" is the theme for the 1994 Heritage Week celebration, November 1-5. Heritage Week is being planned to celebrate the unique history of LeTourneau and honor those who worked, prayed and gave to bring us to where we are today. Special activities are planned for the whole week, with a meaningful Founder's Day Chapel on Thursday, November 3. Saturday, November 5 has been set aside to especially honor our alumni. Watch for more details in the next issue of the NOW.

## Alumni Task Force

by Birne Wiley, President,  
Alumni Association

Homecoming '94 was a time to treasure the memories and blessings of LeTourneau. It was also a time to see how we alumni can get more involved!

The University desires—and needs—input from alumni. The Alumni Association is looking for alumni who are willing to serve on (or chair) a task force addressing special issues. These issues might include: maintaining spiritual vitality, academic divisions, society identities, athletic programs, campus development, student recruitment and others.

We want to hear from you and help you get involved in the ministry of LeTourneau University.

I want to emphasize that John Galiano and the University are very sensitive to excessive time demands on those willing to serve.

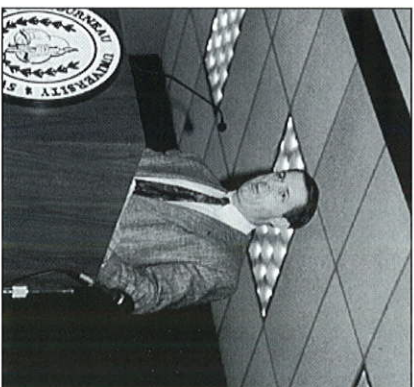
I'm eagerly looking forward to your positive response. Please call us at 1-800-259-ALUM!

**Art Waskey, WE '72 spoke in chapel. Alumni are invited to speak in chapel, classes or special seminars when they are in the area. Contact John Galiano for available dates and speaking opportunities.**

## Coming

### Alumni Events:

- June 16 Portland, Ore. Alumni Meeting
- June 23 Seattle Alumni Meeting
- July 16 East Texas Hot Air Balloon Get Together
- July 19 Indianapolis Alumni Meeting
- July 23 Greater Chicago Alumni Meeting
- July 25 Minneapolis Alumni Meeting
- July 30 OSHKOSH EAA ALUMNI DINNER "All Alumni Invited"
- Oct. 1 Lancaster, Penn. Alumni Meeting



## Alumni Update

### TREASURE MEMORIES

was the theme of Homecoming '94. Alumni spanning 45 years of LeTourneau history converged on LeTourneau April 8-10 to do just that. They renewed acquaintances, talked about old times and learned what God is doing on campus today.

## 40's



Gus Wilgus, the sole representative of honored class, '49.

Paul George (MT '51-'52), and his wife Patricia are now working with JAARS in Waxhaw, N.C. They are working as part-time guest helpers in Administration. Paul is retired from IBM.

## 50's



Honored class of '54: (l. to r.) Richard Peterson, Standish Spaeth, Bonnie Spaeth, Dr. John Hardison, Vincent Medina and Howard Crosby.



Honored class of '59: (l. to r.) Norman Galt, Roger Carr and Birne Wiley.

David (AT '65) and Florence Seaton welcomed their sixth child on 4/12/94. Caleb Benjamin was born in Memphis, Tenn. where his father works for Northwest Airlink.



Honored class of '64: (l. to r.) Royce Yoder, Dale Westburn and Art Johnson.

Terry Yaddaw (AT '65) was featured in the March issue of Business & Commercial Aviation. Terry was approved to fly Canadian airlines without ever leaving the ground. All his training was done on simulators. He works for the Xerox Corporation.



Honored class of '69: (l. to r.) Tim Thames, Bob Walker, Bob Johnson, David Vroom and Dean Phillips ('71).

Bob Johnson (BI '69) graduated from Eskinine Theological Seminary on 5/15/94. We congratulate both Bob and his wife, Maxine (HI/EN '83).

## 70's

Ron (AT '75) and Jackie Banks are excited about the arrival of their fourth child. Kayla was born 3/8/94 in Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela, where her parents are missionaries with MAE.

Andrew J. Briggs (MT/AT '77) is working as a pilot with Cook, Inc. of Bloomington, Ind. He and his wife, Janice, have four children.



Honored class of '79: (l. to r.) Bruce Shauger, Bob Harold, Paul Ahrens and Bill Ewin.

Gary (MT '79) and Debbie Durbin are adjusting to twins. Brandon Alan and Lauren Ann were born 11/19/93 in Denver, Colo.



Honored class of '74: (l. to r.) LeRoy Hammond, Jerry Ruggles and Hal Hancock.

## Phonathon '93 "Ringin' Success"

The 1993 Phonathon goal of \$70,000 has been reached! We're thankful to God and to you for your prayers and support.

Our goal for Phonathon '94 is \$80,000. We'll be calling alumni during the evenings of September 26-30, 1994, to meet this scholarship goal. We're looking forward to talking with you.





**Steve** (BU/AT '80) and **Kathy Claassen** have moved from West to East Kalimantan, Indonesia where Steve took on the job of chief pilot with MAF there. Pray for them and their children as they get settled into their new home and jobs.

**Judd Hodgson** (ET '80) lost his wife, Christine, on 2/20/94. Please pray for Judd as he deals with his loss.

**Dave Luckert** (BI '80) resigned as Director of Student Activities at LeTourneau and is now an Associate Pastor for Aldersgate United Methodist Church in College Station, Texas. Dave, his wife, Cathy, and their children will be missed, but we are excited about their new opportunities.

**Chris** (MT/AT '85) and **Waleska Prestlesler** now have twins. Jonathan Michael and Jessica Nicole were born 3/26/94 in Indianapolis, Ind. Congratulations!

**Don** (DT '85) and **Karen Taber** are glad to have a son. Paul Richard was born 1/14/94 and weighed 7lbs. 6ozs. Don and Karen work with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

**Marla Jo White** (MI '85) married Kent McGowan on 4/9/94 at Alliance Bible Church in Longview, Texas.

**Frank** (CSE '86) and **Mary Dubisz** came by the Alumni Office in January. They plan to leave for the Philippines in September after their first baby is born in July. They will work with SIM in reaching the Magindanao people who are largely Muslim.



**Honored class of '84: (l. to r.) Wes Lewis ('83), Ira Nelson, Mary Rodgers, Ned Rogers, Jr., Robin Galiano (spouse), John Galiano, Katina Kuitems (spouse), Phil Kuitems, Doug Roszhart, Carol Roszhart, Don Bell and Seth Cocking.**

**Jeff** (BU/AT '82) and **Deb Johnson** thank the Lord for Ruth Elizabeth. Ruth was born 1/29/94 in Manila, Philippines. They have two other daughters, Rachel and Rebekah. Jeff and Deb work with JAARS.

**Kerry** (ME '86) and **Kathy** (PE '85) "Jones" **Dunn** joyously announce the birth of Isaac Andrew. He was born 4/12/94 and was welcomed by brother, Tim.

**Carol "Svensson"** (BU '86) and **Ross Fruin** want everyone to know about Grant Anthony. Grant was born 10/13/93.

**Pete** (WE '86) and **Cindy Wenninger** had their third child 1/18/94. Annie Nicole arrived in Newark, N.Y. and was greeted by big brothers Ben and Joe.

**Glen** (CST '87) and **Joy** (EE '85-87) "Hamrick" **McAfee** are so pleased to have Camden Reed in their home. Camden is their second child and was born 10/14/93.

**Robert** (AMT '88) and **Reyna "Landis" Arthur** have been blessed with another child. Robert James was born 4/27/94. The Arthurs live in Gilmer, Texas.

**Kevin** (AT '88) and **Chrissy Udd** are thrilled with the arrival of their second son. Connor Frank was born 3/13/94 and was welcomed by big brother Clayton.

**Brent Widder** (WE '88) is now living in Albion, Mich. and works as a Welding/Process Engineer at Walker Manufacturing.

**Mike** (86-88) and **Lou "Landis"** (87-88 'ME) **Woodward** received a Christmas Eve present. Luke Evan was born 12/24/93. Luke is their second child. The Woodwards live in Parker, Colo.

**Mark** (AMT, AUT '88) and **Anja Yarrick** announce the birth of Amy Christine born 3/24/94. Amy was born in the Netherlands where her parents are full-time evangelists.

**John T. Andersen** (CSE '89) married **Kathryn Killingsworth** on 11/6/93 in Bellaire, Texas.

**Patrick** (IM '89) and **Melanie** (BU '89) "Piau" **Bertsche** are excited about the arrival of Brooke Ellen. She was born 4/5/94 in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Paul** (MT '89) and **Mae "Landis" Krug** have their first child. Andrew Michael was born 3/24/94 in Longview, Texas.

**Brian** (WT '89) and **Celeste McIntyre** had a baby girl born 9/1/93. The McIntyres live in Everett, Wash.

**Paul** formerly worked as Coordinator of Resident Life at LeTourneau. Good luck, Paul!

**Paul Bradley** (BI '90) is moving to Minnesota. He will be the Associate Dean of Student Life at Northwestern College.



**Alumni and friends gathered in Philadelphia for the annual LeTourneau alumni meeting, which takes place during the American Welding Society convention.**

**Martha "Genshaw"** **Ulman** (CH '90) works for Bristol-Myers Squibb and was promoted to Associate Research Scientist. She and her husband, Alan, live in Somerset, N.J.

**Bruce** (WT '90) and **Lei Williams** want everyone to know about Josiah Grant. He was born 10/16/93 and is their first child. Bruce works as an Engineer for Yamakawa in Tenn.



**Balloons capture the spirit of Homecoming '93.**

**Steve Walker** (MT/AMT '93) married **Kimberly Lisperance** on 3/26/94. Both of them work for Cessna in Wichita, Kan.

## KEEP IN TOUCH !

Send us news of what's happening in your life. Don't be left out.

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**John Galiano**

## Practical Faith!

LeTourneau University has a legacy of practical faith in God. This faith is our heritage and the rallying point that unites alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends.

Beginning this fall, from Nov. 1-5, we will inaugurate a new "Heritage Week." This will be a celebration of LeTourneau's spiritual, intellectual and practical foundation. I encourage you to plan to attend.

Romans 12:1 teaches that practical faith is the essence of our Christian walk. A recent translation of this verse reads: "So here is what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering."

My prayer is that we place our 'practical' life before God everyday and in every way!

## anniversary 50th Alumni Directory 1995/1996

If you have not received your letter to update your information for the new directory, call 1-800-259-ALUM, so you will not be left out of the very special 50th Anniversary (1995/1996) Directory.

If you have received your information sheet, return it today. Your information and opinions are very important to us!



**Steve and Amy Ratzlaff 1993**



# CONTRAPTIONS, THINGAMABOBBS AND GIZMOS

Out of dozens of contraptions, thingamabobs, gizmos and whirlingigs, a winner has emerged in the ninth annual LeTourneau University Invention and Design Contest.

Cullen Parks, a third-grader at Trinity School of Texas in Longview, was awarded the grand prize for his invention, "Light Up America." The invention is an educational toy which interactively teaches basic facts about the 50 states. Parks, 11, earned a plaque, a ribbon and \$200 for first place in the elementary division.

The annual contest ran April 25-27. Nearly 60 inventions were displayed in the Memorial Student Center during the three-day event. Inventors competed in elementary, junior and university divisions for cash, ribbons and other prizes.

In addition to Parks, Brian Key, a fifth grader at Hallsville (Texas) Middle School, earned first place in the junior division with "The Entertainer." Bruce Bertham, a senior at LeTourneau University, earned first place in the university division with his "Travelers Hot Plate." Each divisional winner was awarded \$200.

The Invention and Design Contest honors the inventive genius of University founder, R.G. LeTourneau. LeTourneau, who died in 1969,

was granted over 300 U.S. patents. The Invention Contest is sponsored and judged by the LeTourneau University Associates, a group of business and community leaders who serve as an advisory board to the University's administration.

A total of \$1,200 in cash prizes was awarded. Cash awards were underwritten by the Curtis Foundation, Henry Gossett, Lenhart Properties, Longview Bank and Trust, Sobol Welders Supply, Stemco and SWECO.

Judges evaluated the inventions according to several criteria, including most potentially beneficial to society, most potentially profitable and most innovative.



Cullen Parks

## Baseball Season Hits Home run

*Student statistician, Scott McDowell may have been the hardest working member of the 1994 LeTourneau University baseball team. With 23 individual and team records set by the Yellow Jackets, McDowell was kept busy keeping up with the team's accomplishments.*

*Team records set included 397 hits, 290 runs, 21 home runs, 6 shutouts and 32 double plays, among many others. Individual team members also burned up the stat book. Sophomore Mario Gallegos (San Antonio, Texas) batted .406 and wrote himself into the record book with season records in hits, doubles and runs. On the pitching side, freshman Tim Arden (Forney, Texas) pitched two no-hitters.*

*Under first-year coach Elliot Johnson the team had its second consecutive 25-win season, including a nine-game winning streak late in the season. The team finished with an 8-6 district record, narrowly missing the playoffs.*

# John and Clemmie Noble: “Making an Eternal Difference”

On their wedding day almost 56 years ago, John and Clemmie Noble chose Proverbs 3:5-6 to be the daily guide for their new life together: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." This familiar scripture passage still guides their lives and gives meaning to their service for the Lord.

A few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Noble created a self-administered charitable trust that benefits LeTourneau and other organizations each year. It provides an organized method through which to channel their annual giving and offers tax incentives. Eventually, the trust will make several gifts of a lifetime to the Lord's work.

John and Clemmie Noble are well-respected in their Clarksville, Tenn., community about 45 minutes north of Nashville. They are active members of the town's historic, 163 year-old First Baptist Church, where they began attending shortly after moving to Clarksville in the 1950s.

The Nobles met on the north side of Chicago in 1938, where both worked for her brother, Leslie Barnett. His firm, Chicago Industrial Instrument Company, made electronic testers and was a good place for John to put his recently-acquired engineering degree from Kansas State Agricultural College of Manhattan into practice. They married on September 4, 1938, at her parent's home in Chicago.

Before and after her marriage to John, Clemmie was an elementary school teacher. She taught for almost 50

years and finished her career in Todd County, Kentucky, as a teacher to the homebound. During his career, John furthered his education by completing post-graduate work in electronics at Ohio State University. He spent his career in engineering and retired from Barnett Instrument Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble heard R.G. LeTourneau speak many years ago and subsequently began receiving the NOW. Years later they became members of the LeTourneau



College Council and sponsored a student. John's familiarity with engineering and electronics bolstered their enthusiasm for LeTourneau University over the years. "We just liked the idea of a superb technical college that was also putting an emphasis on Christian training," John says.

When asked why they chose to be involved in the work of a Christian University like LeTourneau, John says, "We wanted our assets to count the most they could for Christ." Investing in Christian higher education is a sure way to make an eternal difference.



## Living Trusts—A Charitable Solution

*Living trusts are becoming quite popular with financial planners across the country and with the general public. More people now use them to provide for management and final distribution of their assets. The Nobles chose to include in theirs a charitable provision that will eventually make major gifts to their favorite charities. We've prepared a helpful booklet to offer free of charge, "Giving Through Revocable Living Trusts." For your copy, simply drop us a note or call the Office of Planned Giving at 1-800-259-LETTU (5388).*

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